

REOPENING PLAN 2.0

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Plan to Safely Reopen Metropolitan
Education District for
Every Student and Staff

California Department of Public Health

On July 17, 2020:

- State Health Officer ordered the **closure of all in-person operations at schools** in counties on the State's monitoring list (including Santa Clara County), except for elementary schools that can obtain a waiver from the local health officer.
- Schools may not open for any in-person instruction, athletic or extra curricular activities or other related functions.
- Once Santa Clara County has been off of the State's monitoring list for 14 days, schools should resume in-person instruction and activities consistent with the COVID-19 Prepared: Reopening of Santa Clara County K-12 Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year.



California Department of Public Health Blueprint for Safer Economy


On October 6, 2020:

- Every county in California was assigned a tier based on its test positivity and adjusted case rate for tier assignment.
- In order to advance to the next less restrictive tier, each county will need to meet and equity metric or demonstrate targeted investments to eliminate disparities in levels of COVID-19 transmission, depending on its size.
- The Equity Metric is designed to help guide counties in the continuing efforts to reduce COVID-19 cases in all communities and requires more intensive efforts to prevent and mitigate the spread among Californians who have been disproportionately impacted.



What this means for schools....

- Schools may reopen for in-person instruction based on the July 17 School Re-opening freework.
- Schools must be in “Tier 2 the Red Tier “ for at least 14 days to reopen.
- Once schools reopen, schools are not required to close if a county moves back to Tier 1, but should consider surveillance testing of staff.



Summary of Plan December 3, 2020:

- Full-Distance Learning (school is in session) until Santa Clara County returns to “Red Tier 2” and 14 days allowing schools to open that were not opened prior to the December 3 “Stay Home Order.”
- Campus is not open for “in-person” instruction until we enter the Red Tier 2
- “Classrooms are open” for teachers “to teach from classrooms and will be required to return to teach from classrooms January 5th
- District is supporting “small groups of students” on campus that need “extra support” and “assessment(s).”
- Adult Education Student Placement Testing is in operation

Tier Framework Indicators

HIGHER RISK  LOWER RISK
of Community Disease Transmission***

Measure	WIDESPREAD TIER 1	SUBSTANTIAL TIER 2	MODERATE TIER 3	MINIMAL TIER 4
Adjusted Case Rate for Tier Assignment** (Rate per 100,000 population* excluding prison cases^, 7 day average with 7 day lag)	>7	4-7	1-3.9	<1
Testing Positivity^ (Excluding prison cases^, 7 day average with 7 day lag)	>8%	5-8%	2-4.9%	<2%

Santa Clara County in the Purple Tier

On November 24, 2020, CDPH made changes to the blueprint framework:

- Tier assignments may occur any day of the week.
- Counties can move back and forth between tiers.

The infographic is a purple-bordered card with four quadrants. The top-left quadrant states 'Santa Clara County is now in the Purple Tier' with a 'See what changed' button and arrow. The top-right quadrant is titled 'Open indoors at a reduced capacity:' and lists: 'Grocery stores max 50% capacity', 'Retailers max 25% capacity', and 'Shopping malls max 25% capacity (common areas and food courts are closed—takeout available)'. The bottom-left quadrant is titled 'Now closed indoors (open outdoors with modifications):' and lists: 'Dining', 'Pools', 'Gyms and fitness centers', and 'Gatherings (including political events, weddings, funerals, and places of worship)'. The bottom-right quadrant is titled 'Now closed indoors (open outdoors with modifications):' and lists: 'Family entertainment centers', 'Wineries', 'Cardrooms', 'Movie theaters', and 'Museums, zoos, and aquariums'. Each quadrant includes a small 'PUBLIC HEALTH' logo.

Santa Clara County is now in the Purple Tier

Open indoors at a reduced capacity:

- Grocery stores max 50% capacity
- Retailers max 25% capacity
- Shopping malls max 25% capacity (common areas and food courts are closed—takeout available)

See what changed ➤

Now closed indoors (open outdoors with modifications):

- Dining
- Pools
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Gatherings (including political events, weddings, funerals, and places of worship)

Now closed indoors (open outdoors with modifications):

- Family entertainment centers
- Wineries
- Cardrooms
- Movie theaters
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums



State's Pandemic Plan for Schools based on five stated principles:

1. Safety based on local health data

2. All school staff and students grade 3 and above required to wear face coverings

3. Physical Distancing 6 feet and other adaptations

4. Regular COVID-19 Testing and dedicated contact tracing

5. Rigorous Distance Learning

MetroED Reopening Priorities:

- Top Priority: Keep our students, staff and community safe and healthy
- Provide high-quality education throughout the year
- Provide an environment for social - emotional connection for students and staff



Preparing for 2020-2021

- Reopening Proposal
 - Metropolitan Education District Priorities and Factors Taken into Consideration
- Metropolitan Education School District Reopening Task Force- Process and Recommendation
 - Phased in Approach to In-Person Instruction
- Timeline Proposal for Reopening - *A Phased Approach*
- Board Discussion and Direction

Reopening Team Process and Recommendation

Recommendations:

August 2020: Start with Distance Learning for all students and phase into in-person instruction.

December 2020: Phased approach following county guidelines.

1. **Nine Reopening Task Force Team Meetings were held (May 27- Dec. 19, 2020)**
2. **Created Various Schedule Scenarios (see appendix):**
 - o Hybrid and Distance learning Schedule created for Silicon Valley Career and Technical Education (SVCTE) and Silicon Valley Adult Education (SVAE)
3. **Santa Clara County Health Guidelines released throughout pandemic to all staff**
4. **Prior to July 13th committee was prepared to recommend to the Board a Hybrid model for both Silicon Valley CTE and Silicon Valley Adult Education**
5. **November and December: All MOU's signed with bargaining units regarding reopening**

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Determination

- **SB 98 provides that distance learning may be offered under either of the following circumstances:**
 - On an LEA or schoolwide level as a result of an order or guidance from a state public health officer or a local public health officer; or
 - For students who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID -19
 - SB 98 (Education Code § 43504) contains a statement that LEAs “shall offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible.”
- **Education Code Section 43503 expressly states that distance learning is allowed in either of the following circumstances:**
 - On a local educational agency or school wide level as a result of an order or guidance from a state public health officer or a local public health officer.
 - For pupils who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID -19

Based on the above, a Local Educational Agency (LEA) may close an entire site, or an entire district, in consultation with public health officers.



Two Options for Families & Adult Students for 2020-21 School Year

Options for our Families to Consider and Commit to for the 2020-21 School Year:

- Reopen schools in Distance Learning with the intent to return to in-person instruction.
- Based on the condition of the environment at any time we are prepared to be flexible to move back and forth between schedules if needed.
- Commitment by family for their student(s) to participate in a full distance learning option for the entire school year (2020-21)

As schools prepare to resume in-person instruction (in 2020-21), schools should also ensure plans are in place for remote instruction for students who may need to isolate or quarantine, as well as students who are medically fragile or who have a household member who is medically fragile. schools should also be prepared for the possibility of partial or full school closure, either short term or for a longer period. Because the data regarding the impact of school reopening on COVID-19 transmission dynamics remains incomplete, we will continue to learn and revise our guidance accordingly.

(COVID19 Prepared: Reopening of Santa Clara County K-12 Schools for the 2020-21 School Year)

SVCTE Proposed Phased Approach Returning to In-Person

Phase 1: School Reopens In Distance Learning

January 26: Possible First Day of in person with the Blended Learning Model

- January 26, 2021 and forward MetroED will reassess conditions, taking into account SVCTE staffing and Santa Clara County Public Health Guidelines
- Communication sent home to families on as needed basis for new potential start date effective January 25, 2021 or stay in (Phase1) distance learning schedule.
- Families given 1 week notice prior to change of distance to blended schedule (Phase 2).

Phase 2: Return to Campus (Blended Schedule or Full Class In Person)

- Students will be brought back by home district and course clusters to help transition to an in-person schedule following current Santa Clara County Public Health Guidelines.

Other considerations are being developed for potential support for instruction to ensure success for English Language Learners, Foster Youth, Special Education, and Academic Intervention students.

SVAE Proposed Phased Approach for Returning to In-Person

Phase 1: School Reopens In Distance Learning

January 26: Possible First Day of in person with the Blended Learning Model

January 26, 2021

- Beginning on January 26, 2021 MetroED will reassess conditions, taking into account SVAE staffing and the Santa Clara County Public Health Guidelines
- Communication will be sent home to families as to a new potential Blended Model schedule to start effective January 25th or stay in (Phase 1) distance learning schedule
- Adult Students given 1 week notice prior to change of new schedule (Phase 2)

Phase 2: Return to Campus Hybrid Schedule or Full Class In-person

Adult Students will be brought back in cohorts to help transition to an In-person schedule following current Santa Clara County Public Health Guidelines

- Cohort 1 AM/PM to return first: Monday and Tuesday
- Cohort 2 AM/PM to return second: Wednesday and Thursday

Other considerations are being developed for potential support for instruction to ensure success for Adults with Disabilities.



Board Direction

December 9, 2020

Discuss and Take Action as to the 2020-21 School Year Schedule to reopen in January or when Santa Clara County returns to the Red Tier 2 indicator

Metropolitan Education District will continue to evaluate and maintain a degree of fluidity as revised rules and regulations are presented by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department to Keep our students and staff healthy, safe and educated.

Appendix

SVCTE FULL DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	Full Asynchronous DL for ALL students Teachers Prep/Planning/ Collaboration Professional Development 12:30 - 3:30PM
8:30 - 10:30 AM	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Direction/ Guidance	
1:30 - 3:30 PM	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	Synchronous Lesson Delivery	

Synchronous = Live instruction, i.e. Google Meet or Zoom call

Asynchronous = Work on your own, i.e. Canvas assignments, hands-on projects

SVCTE Blended Learning Schedule

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30AM-9:30AM	30 Minute Synchronous Lesson Delivery for Students not receiving In Person Instruction				Teacher Preparation/ Professional Development
	SCUSD, ESUHSD YELLOW	CUHSD, LGS, Charter, MUSD	ESUHSD WHITE	SJUSD	
12:30PM-3:30PM	30 Minute Synchronous Lesson Delivery for Students not receiving In Person Instruction				Teacher Preparation/ Professional Development
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SVAE Full Distance Learning Model

	TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM Program	8:30-9:30	Check in & Attendance Lesson Directions/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Directions/ Guidance	Full Asynchronous DL for ALL students Teachers Prep/ Planning/ Collaboration	Check in & Attendance Lesson Directions/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Directions/ Guidance
	9:30- 11:30	Synchronous Lesson	Synchronous Lesson		Synchronous Lesson	Synchronous Lesson
PM Program	6:00- 7:00	Check in & Attendance Lesson Directions/ Guidance	Check in & Attendance Lesson Directions/ Guidance		Professional Development 8:30 -11:30	Check in & Attendance Lesson Directions/ Guidance
	7:00-9:00	Synchronous Lesson	Synchronous Lesson	Synchronous Lesson		

SVAE Morning Blended Learning Schedule

AM PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DAY COHORT 1 8:30-11:30 AM	In-Person Classroom Instruction	In-Person Classroom Instruction	Professional Development, Teacher Preparation, Office Hours	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery
DAY COHORT 2 8:30-11:30 AM	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery		In Person Classroom Instruction	In Person Classroom Instruction

SVAE Evening Blended Learning Schedule

PM PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
6:00-7:00 PM	Teacher Prep	Teacher Prep	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery
7:00 - 9:00 PM Purple PM COHORT	In Person Classroom Instruction	In Person Classroom Instruction		
6:00-7:00 PM	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery	Asynchronous Lesson Delivery	Teacher Prep	Teacher Prep
7:00 - 9:00 PM Orange PM COHORT			In Person Classroom Instruction	In Person Classroom Instruction



Closure Decisions in Consultation with Health Officers

- A classroom cohort should be quarantined when a single positive case is confirmed.
- An entire school should revert to distance learning if there are positive cases among multiple cohorts or 5% of students.
- An entire district should revert to distance learning if 25% or more of its schools have been physically closed.
- After 14 days, school districts may return to in-person instruction with the approval of the local public health officer.

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